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CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE-SEEKERS WERE SPEAKERS

MEMBERS OF CIVIC LEAGUE
HEARD VINCENT, SMITH
AND LINDQUIST.

County Candidates Were Also Present

A very interesting and most unique meeting of the Civic Improvement League was held last Friday at the home of Mrs. Frances E. King on State street. It was interesting and instructive from the standpoint that the entire program centered about the coming primary election, and unique from the standpoint that five political aspirants were present in person and addressed the meeting, setting forth their views upon various questions of public interest.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. King. Mrs. Wilcox read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. Mrs. King then introduced Mrs. Colwell of Ithaca who is seeking the nomination for Gratiot County Clerk. Mrs. Colwell spoke for a few moments relating some of her experiences during the past few weeks. She stated that she had found four types of voters in the county. One is a remnant of the old Anti Suffrage party who object to women holding office upon general principles. Another represents a superior sort of business men who judges women as too inexperienced in political affairs to aspire to office of any kind. Still another states that men who need the compensation which goes with the office are being crowded out by the women, while a fourth class of conservatives have their sense of propriety shocked by women mingling with men in the business world. She also stated that women have come down off their pedestal and are no longer a preferred class. However as yet women scarcely sense the political undercurrent, do not realize the significance of ringling, the political boss etc., and that they must wade into political life most carefully if they are not to be sucked in by this same insidious undercurrent.

Mrs. Price, also of Ithaca, was next introduced as a candidate seeking nomination as County Treasurer. She stated in her address that today is women's opportunity and that women must grasp it and help put forward the principles of the Sermon on the Mount. They must study political problems and learn to co-operate with men in governmental affairs. They must be at the polls and see that their sisters are there, must get out and hustle to see that their choice is elected, must find out the principles and qualifications of the various candidates for office. The new voter has much to learn. Women are entering the political field and are asking for clean politics and a clean slate from candidates. She also emphasized the fact that women should insist upon equal pay for equal work.

Mrs. King then read a letter from Sarah Brodebeck, democratic candidate for register of deeds, in which she expressed her regret at her inability to be present at the meeting on account of business reasons, but in which she also set forth her qualifications for the office she seeks.

Mr. Lindquist of Greenville, who is seeking the nomination as congressman from this district, was next introduced as one of three men

present all seeking the same office, the others being William M. Smith of St. Johns and Bird J. Vincent of Alma. He said that there seems to be today on the part of many an absolute disregard for integrity, a juggling of prices, an adulteration of products to satisfy a commercial greed for profit. Misrepresentations are responsible for high prices. A pure merchandise law is needed. We demand of labor an honest toil and labor in turn has a right to demand honest products. He spoke of his work for such a pure merchandise law, and ended his talk with a plea for a vote to abolish the curse of political machines which are contrary to the principles of our government.

Mr. William M. Smith of St. Johns who was the next speaker stated that the influence of women in politics did not begin with the ballot for they had exercised a great influence before they had the ballot, in many ways. He spoke of their earnest labor to aid in securing local option in which struggle they took their places in the forefront of the action. Women, said Mr. Smith, have had a hand in most progressive legislation since 1904. They aided in securing the Workman's compensation laws, and the Child Labor laws. And when they really wanted the ballot they secured that also. Legislation that is desired by good men is also desired by good women. Women also aided greatly in all war activities which were so necessary to support the fighting force. Mr. Smith also said, "I am for progressive, constructive legislation. I regard the liquor question as not an issue in this campaign or any other campaign. That question was settled by constitutional amendment and cannot be changed. For it was settled once and for all. Immigration should be a part of the Saginaw. Mr. Lindquist stated at the start that he was not a politician. (Continued on page two)

FARMERS' WAGES AND THE OTHERS

SECRETARY WALLACE COM-
PARES THEM AND TALKS
ON THE STRIKES.

In the course of a talk before the farm bureau at Leesburg, Virginia, Monday, Aug. 14th, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace said:

It is worth while to compare wages in the organized industries with the wages received by the farmer, as represented in the price he gets for the things he grows. The value of income, whether it be in the form of wages or of money received for sales of products, is represented not in dollars and cents but in what that income will buy by its purchasing power.

Take the average wage received by the coal miner for mining a ton of coal. In 1913 this wage per ton would buy 1.1 bushels of corn in Iowa; in 1921 it would buy 2.5 bushels of corn in Iowa. In 1913 the ton wage would buy .7 of a bushel of wheat in North Dakota; in 1921 .9 of a bushel. In 1913 it would buy 4.7 pounds of cotton in Texas; in 1913 8.5 pounds; in 1921, 7 pounds of hog (Continued on page three)

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Please remember I am a candidate for the nomination for County Treasurer at the Primaries next Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

68-1c FRANK R. HOWES.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Voters of Gratiot County:

As a candidate for State Representative, I wish to say: If nominated and elected, I shall endeavor to be in the future, as in the past, a true representative. By this I mean, that the desires of my constituents rather than my own shall dominate my every action. When desires seem to conflict it shall be the greatest good to the greatest number.

I am free to act independently of any social organization, party ring, or political boss.

I shall endeavor to use my experience in the past to ripen wisdom for the future.

Feeling grateful for past favors I shall appreciate your vote Sept. 12th and Nov. 7th.

Yours for service,
68-1c DAVID G. LOCKE.

ATTENDANCE AT ALMA SCHOOLS SETS A RECORD

ALMA HIGH SCHOOL GROWTH
CAUSES SEATING OF PUPILS
IN THE BALCONY.

Indications for the School Year Bright

All past attendance records at the Alma Public Schools were broken when the local schools re-opened on Tuesday, although this had not been looked for this year. It had been expected that the attendance mark would approach very closely to the mark of former years, but a tabulation of figures on the attendance at the various buildings at the close of the second day of school as compared with the same time last year shows an increase over the record attendance of last year of 24 pupils. The attendance at the close of the second day last year was 1,597, and yesterday, the close of the second day of the present school year it was 1,621.

The gain in the High School is the most pronounced of all of the school buildings, and has created an exceptionally crowded condition, so that the balcony of the High School has been called into use in order that the pupils may be seated in the auditorium. From forty to fifty students are seated on the balcony. When the tabulation was made yesterday there were 362 students in the high school, as against an attendance at this time last year of 320.

The attendance at the Washington School is also greater than it was last year. Wednesday of this week it was given out as 330, while a year ago on Wednesday it was 313.

Republic School as had been expected shows a slight drop. There are 393 enrolled this year against a total of 414 last year a decrease of less than a score.

Lincoln School shows an increase of just four, the attendance figures for a year ago and this year being 435 and 439.

Hillcrest school shows a slight decrease. Last year the attendance was 115 and this year is 97.

Superintendent Luchman stated yesterday that the work in the manual training, and in the commercial departments was starting off in fine shape. The Latin classes have been so large that they have been broken into sections, and indications are that in all of the departments of the schools the work is starting off in a manner that speaks for a highly successful school year.

(Political Advertisement)

TO THE VOTERS

OF GRATIOT COUNTY.

There has been some comment because I have not done more campaign work in this county, but the fact is that there is now so much work in the Clerk's office that I could not be away very much without either neglecting the work or leaving it for some one else to do, and I felt that I should put in what time I could spare in the other Counties of the District where I was nearly a stranger. But I do not believe that the voters are intending to vote against me because I have been on the job instead of running the roads trying to get another office, and I am sure that they will consider that a man who attends to the office that he has will be very apt to do the same with another. And I am asking your support with this understanding in mind.

68-1c B. L. CASE.

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Vincent to Speak in Alma Tonight

Bird J. Vincent, of Saginaw, is to make an address here this evening at a smoker to be held by the local post of the American Legion, and is to discuss problems of the Legion with the members of the post.

This will be one time during the primary campaign when Bird as he is called by everyone in Saginaw, will discard politics, with which he has been dealing for some weeks, since he entered into the congressional race for the Republican nomination for congress.

After his return from overseas service in France Mr. Vincent as a member of the Legion was instrumental in the framing of the state constitution, and has been an active member of the American Legion since its organization. He may also discuss the state convention held Tuesday and Wednesday at Ann Arbor by the American Legion at which he was present.

BENJAMIN FAMILY REUNION IS HELD

MEMBERS OF FAMILY HELD AN-
NUAL GATHERING WITH MR.
AND MRS. V. SHEPARD.

The eighth annual reunion of the Benjamin family, descendants of the thirteen children of James and Sally Benjamin of DeRuyter, N. Y., after 1820, was held on Monday, September 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Shepard on Woodward avenue, which was attended by 64 members of the family from states as far east as New York, west to Minnesota and south to Tennessee.

A sumptuous dinner was served on the lawn at noon, and following the dinner a most interesting program was given, which started with the history of the family from 1820 down to the present time, and the taking over of the early days of pioneering by the various members of the family in the various states, particularly in Michigan, many members of the family having come to this state and settled in Genesee county. Mr. V. H. Shepard and his brother, Lew, then played old time pieces on the piano and violin that they gave years ago at dances and the older members at the reunion endeavored to go through the Virginia reel and other old dances of other days. This was followed by recitations, violin solos, and various musical numbers.

Letters and telegrams from various members of the family from numerous states from New York west, and south to the gulf states, which expressed their regret at being unable to be present, were read.

One of the interesting features of the reunion was the introducing of William Dufty, a bridegroom, and new member of the family, to the other members. He lives at Owendale.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To the People of Gratiot County:

As you already know, I am a candidate for re-nomination for the office of County Drain Commissioner.

I have conducted the affairs of the office in a clean and honest manner and the books and records are at all times open for inspection.

I will appreciate your support at the Primaries, Sept. 12.

Sincerely yours,
Erva R. Laycock.

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ALMA COLLEGE PROSPECTS FOR YEAR ARE GOOD

LARGEST ENROLLMENT IN THE
HISTORY OF INSTITUTION
IS EXPECTED.

Formal Opening Next Wednesday

Alma College will open formally for the year Wednesday morning when the opening chapel service of the year is held and all indications are that the attendance for the coming year will exceed any of the past years, and will probably tax the capacity of the institution to the limit.

Monday and Tuesday will be registration days when the students will be registering and arranging for their class work, which is expected to be completed so that they will be ready to attend classes on Wednesday. Faculty members will all be here before the end of the week and will be present at a faculty meeting to be held at 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The opening chapel service on Wednesday will be held at 10:00 a. m., to which the public is cordially invited to be present. Special music is assured for the opening chapel service and it is expected that the students will desire to hear from Dean James E. Mitchell after his year's absence in Europe.

It was announced by President Crooks on Tuesday that expectations were that the new rooms in the east wing of the fourth floor of Wright hall would all be ready when college opens next week. All of the new rooms in the hall are applied for, making certain that the attendance of women will be by far the largest that the College has ever enjoyed. Expectations are also held that the Zeta Sigma house and Pioneer Hall will prove insufficient to house all of the men who will attend the institution this year and President Crooks stated on Tuesday that those who have rooms for rent, furnished, or for light housekeeping should notify the college if they desire to rent them.

The chemistry building will not be entirely ready when College formally opens next Wednesday, but it is confidently expected that the remodeled building will be entirely ready for use by the following Monday. One of the most troublesome matters at the present time is the delay in receiving stone tops for the chemistry tables.

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Where They Will Vote on Tuesday

Six polling places have been provided in the six voting precincts in this city, one for each precinct, the first and second wards each having two precincts and the third and fourth wards one each.

Following are the places where the residents of the various precincts will vote at the primary election to be held next Tuesday:

First Ward, First Precinct—City Hall.

First Ward, Second Precinct—Superior Bakery.

Second Ward, First Precinct—Office Schick's feed barn.

Second Ward, Second Precinct—DeRushia Coal Office.

Third Ward—Arcadia Hotel Office.

Fourth Ward—Edson-Moore Building.

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MAY ORGANIZE A BAND

Secretary Crawford of the Alma Chamber of Commerce has been sounding out sentiment regarding the possible formation of the boys' band in the community and believes that there is an opportunity for the establishment of such an organization.

He is asking that the boys who may be interested in becoming members of such an organization get in touch with him at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce in the city hall and go over the proposition with him.

Plans are being worked out, it is understood, looking towards the securing of musical instruments in such a way that this problem which probably would confront some of the young men, may be done away with and the securing of instruments made easy.

OTHER COUNTRIES AID THEIR SHIPS

U. S. MAY BE ONLY LARGE NA-
TION NOT AIDING ITS MER-
CHANT MARINE.

"Unless Congress passes a ship subsidy bill, the United States will be the only important nation in the world not granting government aid in the maintenance of a merchant marine. Every other leading nation, recognizing the importance of regular trade routes and the necessity for merchant ships as a naval adjunct, provides some sort of assistance to private merchant shipping.

"Great Britain extends this aid in the form of mail subsidies and in one case has combined this with a construction loan. For the current year Great Britain is spending 137,390 pounds sterling on her trans-Atlantic subsidy, 160,000 pounds on the India service, 13,355 pounds to continental Europe.

"Japan established her merchant marine by construction and operation bounties. The constructional were discontinued in 1918, apparently because the number of vessels was deemed adequate. The operating subsidy for 1921 was 7,402,295 yen with an additional 1,450,000 yen for mail subsidies.

"The Government of Canada was the lowest for several years. In addition to that, the Canadian government contributes 27,500 pounds sterling per year to maintain a line (Continued on page two)

(Political Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY CLERK

If the confidence of my own people in New Haven Township who have elected me supervisor for three years and justice of the peace for six years; if the confidence of the county board of supervisors in choosing me as a member of the county board of canvassers for four years; if a knowledge of county affairs counts as a qualification for County Clerk, I ask the support of the voters of Gratiot County for this position at the primaries, September 12, 1922.

Calvin D. Wiles,
New Haven Township

WOOD FOR SALE

Dry Beech and Maple Wood delivered to your door. Price right.

F. W. Rudeck, Phone 671.

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PRIMARY IS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY

REPUBLICAN NOMINATION BAT-
TLES HOLD CENTER OF
STAGE IN STATE.

County Campaigns Prove Interesting

Next Tuesday the voters of Michigan will go to the polls to nominate their choices on the various tickets, and with the huge Republican majority that this state has the interest in the primary is practically all centered around the nomination fights that are being waged